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Held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
on Thursday, 10 August 2000, at 10.10 a.m.

President: Mr. Celso Amorim (Brazil)

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The PRESIDENT: I declare open the 855th plenary meeting of the Conference and the third and last part of our 2000 session.

There is no speaker inscribed on my list for today. Does any delegation wish to take the floor? I see none. That is probably the most eloquent comment one can make on the state of our work in the Conference on Disarmament.

Since there is no delegation wishing to take the floor, I would very briefly like to say that I have been continuing consultations aimed at trying to find a solution for our programme of work. I have spoken at some length with the different groups, and I also gave clear indications yesterday in the presidential consultations as to the direction which I am trying to follow.

I am, let us say, moderately encouraged by the reaction I had, although I am also fully aware of the constraints that we face at this moment, constraints that come from the hard realities - or at least the perceived hard realities - of the outside world, as well as time constraints. But I think it is my duty as President of this body to continue trying and, if possible come to a conclusion, if not, at least leave some valuable contribution for my successor and my successor's successor.

This, therefore, has been the general thrust of my work, as you already know, having heard directly from me in the groups. I also take note from the presidential consultations yesterday - and also from some members who have approached me or from reactions expressed in the groups that I have heard - that, in order to have more specific reactions, at some point a text would be useful, even if it is a kind of work-in-progress. I take note of all these comments.

The next plenary meeting of the Conference will be held on Thursday, 17 August 2000, at 10 a.m.

The meeting rose at 10.15 a.m.